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**SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION AND DECLARATION**

The current assignee hereby submits a copy of the executed Assignments in the above-identified patent application from Edward J. Sare, David John Preston, Deborah Susan Thrale, Anthony Hales Asbridge, Imerys Mineraux Belgique SA, and Erik Johannes Petrus van Dijnen, assigning their rights in the invention to Imerys Minerals Ltd. Please associate the enclosed Assignments with the above-referenced application.

Applicants additionally submit herewith a Declaration/Power of Attorney by David John Preston, Erik Johannes Petrus van Dijnen, Anthony Hales Asbridge, Deborah Susan Thrale, and Edward J. Sare for the above-identified patent application.

The required fee of \$40.00 for the Assignment and the required fee of \$130.00 for the Declaration are enclosed.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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